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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** 2 May 1957 Meeting at Joint Subsidiary Activities Group.

1. On 2 May 1957 a meeting was held in the Pentagon to discuss military requirements for Agency support in the field of clandestine communications. Although this was not a true JSAG meeting, it was arranged through that staff. Representatives of the JSAG, Joint Communications Electronics Committee (JCEC), Army Office of Special Warfare (OSW), Navy, Air Force, and CIA attended.

2. After a brief introduction by Capt. Bulkeley (JSAG), Mr. [ ] (Office of Communications) gave the background of the problem. The JCS has approved the PAC plan stating that CIA will furnish clandestine communications, but no definite requirements have been levied on the Agency. Although this was the basis for the present action, Mr. [ ] pointed out that the real problem was that the JCS has not yet published a policy concerning clandestine communications. Specifically, the following questions should be answered:

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a. Is the military requirement truly a clandestine communication requirement?

b. Who should be responsible for clandestine communications?

(1) Should CIA maintain the facilities until it can be relieved by the military before D-day?

(2) Should CIA be prepared to maintain the facilities after D-day until it can be relieved by the military?

(3) Should CIA have the sole responsibility for maintaining clandestine communications?

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(4) Should the military, presumably the Army, take over the responsibility for its own clandestine communications immediately?

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4. General Day, J-3 of EUCOM, had written a letter placing communications requirements on the Army as executive agent for UW. It was decided that the Army would forward this letter to the JCS requesting a policy decision covering the questions in paragraph 2 above.

25X1A 5. Mr. [ ] said that [ ] (Chief of Communications) would be happy to give a briefing on Agency capabilities and limitations for clandestine communications. Capt. Hay (JCEC) indicated that such a briefing would be very helpful after JCS receipt of the problem from the Army.

6. CIA personnel in attendance were:

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Meeting concerned military requirements for Agency support in field of clandestine communications.  
 Office of Communications rep. stated that JCS has not yet published a policy concerning clandestine communications, nor determined the responsibilities re: equipment and personnel between CIA and the Agency.  
 Four specific questions are listed here.

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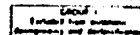
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